



Why Kids Join Gangs

There are numerous reasons why at-risk youth join gangs. For example, they are attracted to gangs because of the **recognition** they receive, the sense of **identity** gangs offer to their members and the feeling of safety and protection.

Other reasons why children are easily tempted to join gangs are:

- Fellowship and brotherhood
- Intimidation
- The opportunity to make money

Early Warning Signs

If your child all of a sudden begins demonstrating **rebellious behavior** at school and at home or starts **changing friends**, you should be aware that these are two of several early warning signs of gang influence.

Additional early warning signs of gang pressure on your children include:

- Having large sums of money or new expensive items that are not easily explained
- Missing school and staying out late
- Experimental drug use
- Poor family bonding

Telltale Signs of Gang Involvement

There are various telltale signs that may indicate your child is involved with gangs. These range from possession of **weapons**, wearing gang **clothes** or colors and excessive **cursing** or **swearing**.

Further telltale signs of gang involvement include:

- Gang graffiti on your child's bedroom walls
- Contact with law enforcement agencies or probation officers
- Participating in gang initiation or rite of passage activities

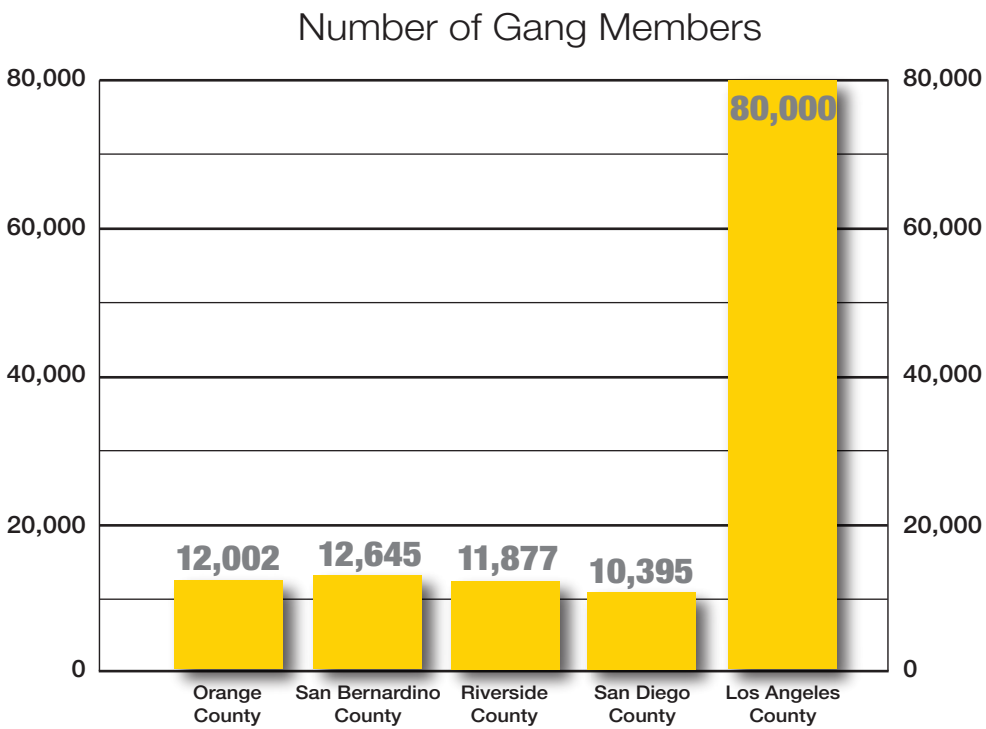


Assemblymembers are Working Hard to Address California's Gang Problem

AB 104 — Makes it easier for cities to pursue civil gang injunctions and drug abatement orders.

AB 1291 — Allows judges to send parents of first-time gang offenders to mandatory parenting classes.

AB 1381 — Establishes the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy.



Local Resources*

Boys & Girls Club of Anaheim
(714) 491-3617
www.theboysandgirlsclub.org

Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove
(714) 530-0430
www.bgcgg.org

Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana
(714) 543-7212
www.boysandgirlsclub.com

Community Service Programs
(949) 250-0488
www.cspinc.org

Orange County Teen Challenge
(714) 835-8822
www.teenchallenge.com/santaana

Tiger Woods Learning Center
(714) 765-8000
www.twlc.org

Local Law Enforcement
Anaheim Police Department
(714) 765-1900
Garden Grove Police Department
(714) 741-5704
Santa Ana Police Department
(714) 245-8665

**For additional resources, call 211.*



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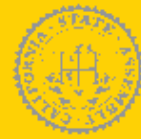
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Everyday, children succumb
to the violent lifestyle of gangs out of
pressure and a sense of belonging. The
impact of gang violence has torn apart
too many California families and the toll
keeps rising. **With your help, the
legislature can reach a common
goal by preventing gang influence
in California's schools and
neighborhoods.** Use this brochure as a
tool to engage your children and be aware
of the warning signs of gangs and gang
activity. Become *part of the solution*
and take an active role in your child's life.
You have the *power to stop* the immense
pressure put on your kids by gangs.



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